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To: NITC Commissioners
From: Anne Byers, Community IT Manager
Subject: Community Council Report

Community Technology Fund. The Nebraska Information Technology Commission received 64 eligible applications for the 2002 Community Technology Fund. Each application was reviewed by three reviewers and the scores of the three reviews were averaged. The table on the following page ranks the applications by their average review scores. At their April 11 meeting, the Council recommended funding as many projects as possible with available funding, using the ranking based on review scores to prioritize awards. As required by statute, the Technical Panel approved the grant reviews at their April 16 meeting.

Based on the \$200,000 originally anticipated to be available for funding, the 11 projects recommended to receive grant awards are listed below:

Score	Entity	Project	
88	City of Ashland	Ashland Digital City Hall	7,629.00
86	Sarpy County	Sarpy County GIS Base Map	25,000.00
86	LaVista Public Library	Basic Scanning Classes	3,612.06
85	Cherry County Hospital	Interactive Video/Distance Learning Network	11,136.00
83	Valley County Hospital	Interactive Video/Distance Learning Network	19,623.00
83	Omaha Public Library	Connect IT Omaha	25,000.00
82	City of Aurora	City of Aurora, Utilities GIS	\$25,000.00
82	Central Community College	Sink or Swim--Educating the Rural Labor Pool	18,518.00
82	University of Nebraska Extension	Building Information Age Communities Planning Mini Grants	20,000.00
81	Franklin County Memorial Hospital	Electronic Archiving of Medical Records	\$22,292.00
81	City of South Sioux City	South Sioux City Wireless Municipal Area Network	<u>\$13,250.00</u>
			191,060.06

Membership. The terms of several members of the Community Council are up for renewal. A list of these members is included in the meeting materials.

Building Information Age Communities Conference. The Building Information Age Communities Conference was held April 12 in Aurora, Nebraska. The conference was organized by the NITC Community Council and Technologies Across Nebraska drew approximately 135 participants from 43 Nebraska communities. A summary of the conference evaluation is included with the meeting materials.

Technologies Across Nebraska Action Plan. The Community Council has worked with Technologies Across Nebraska to develop an action plan. This action plan was approved by Technologies Across Nebraska partners at their March meeting. The action plan builds upon the recent conference and lays out a series of next steps. A copy of the action plan is included in the meeting materials.